



THE MOVIES' MOST COLORFUL WESTERN STAR -

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The
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WAY BACK, WHEN OUR COUNTRY WAS YOUNG, THE WEST WAS STILL EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND THE TRULY GREAT AMERICANS WERE THE INTREPID PIONEERS OF THE BACKWOODS OF NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO — WHERE THE WOODS WERE THICK AND SOWN WITH SUDDEN DEATH... THE GREATEST OF THE BACKWOODSMEN WAS **DAN BRAND** — ANCESTOR OF STEVE BRAND — AND HIS LITTLE INDIAN FRIEND, **TIPi**, WHO BLAZED NEW TRAILS OF ADVENTURE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW, PUSHING CIVILIZATION AND JUSTICE ACROSS THE CONTINENT OF THE "NEW" WORLD! HERE WAS WHITE AMERICAN AND BROWN AMERICAN FIGHTING COMMON DEADLY ENEMIES SIDE BY SIDE!



OF COURSE DAN BRAND WASN'T ALWAYS A PIONEER. NO, THERE WAS A TIME...

...IN 1770! ALL PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY TURNS OUT FOR THE WEDDING OF WEALTHY YOUNG DAN BRAND AND HIS SWEETHEART, LUCY WHARTON...

A FINE MATCH—TWO OF THE PROUDEST NAMES IN THE COLONIES! I GUESS THE BEST MAN WON, EH?

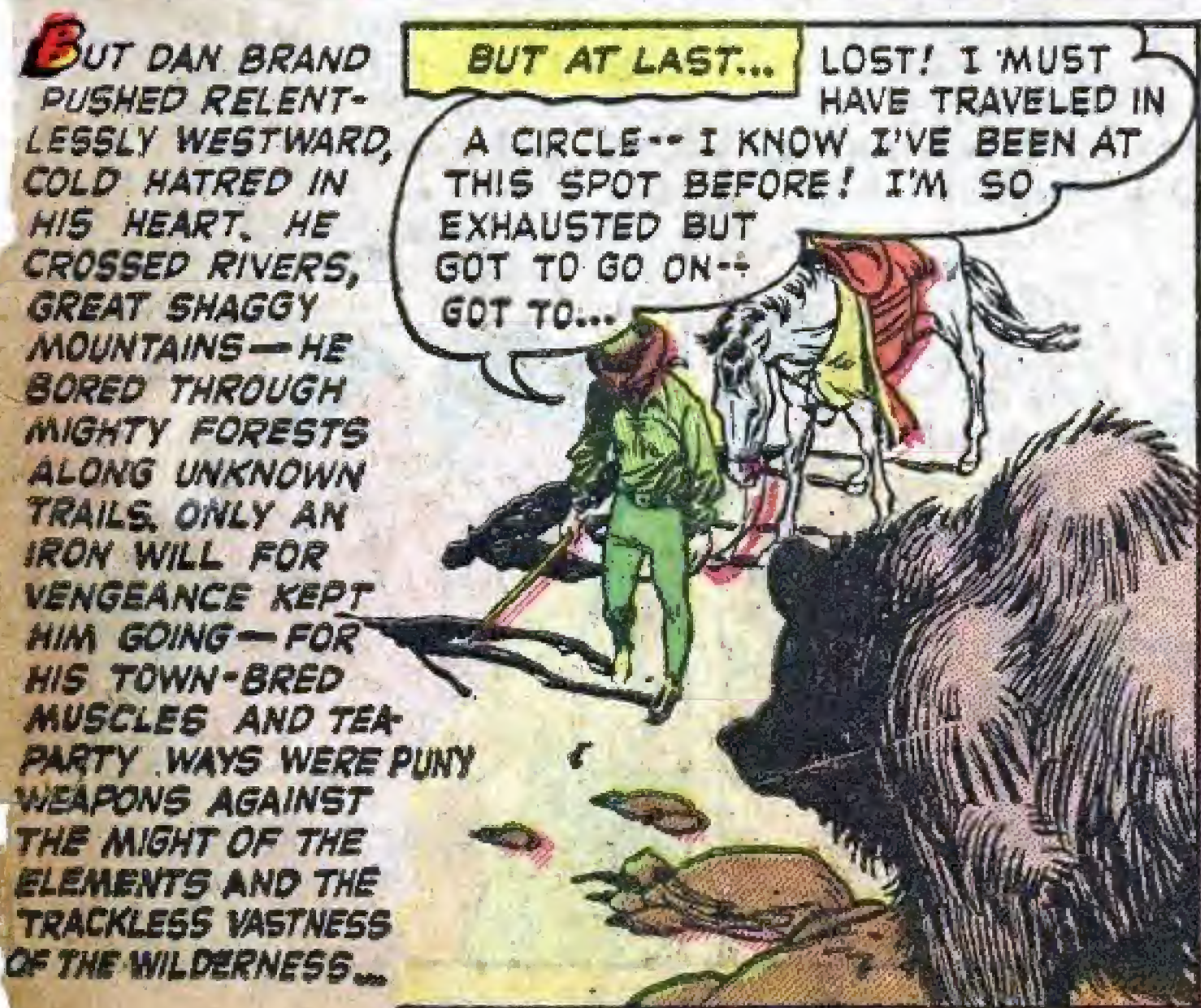
RIGHT! BUT I'M SURE THE OTHER MAN, PETER BRADFORD, DOESN'T THINK SO... SAY, THERE'S BRADFORD NOW, ON THAT BALCONY! WHY HE'S -- LOOK OUT, DAN!

IF I CAN'T HAVE HER, NO ONE ELSE WILL! I'M GOING TO KILL YOU, DAN BRAND!

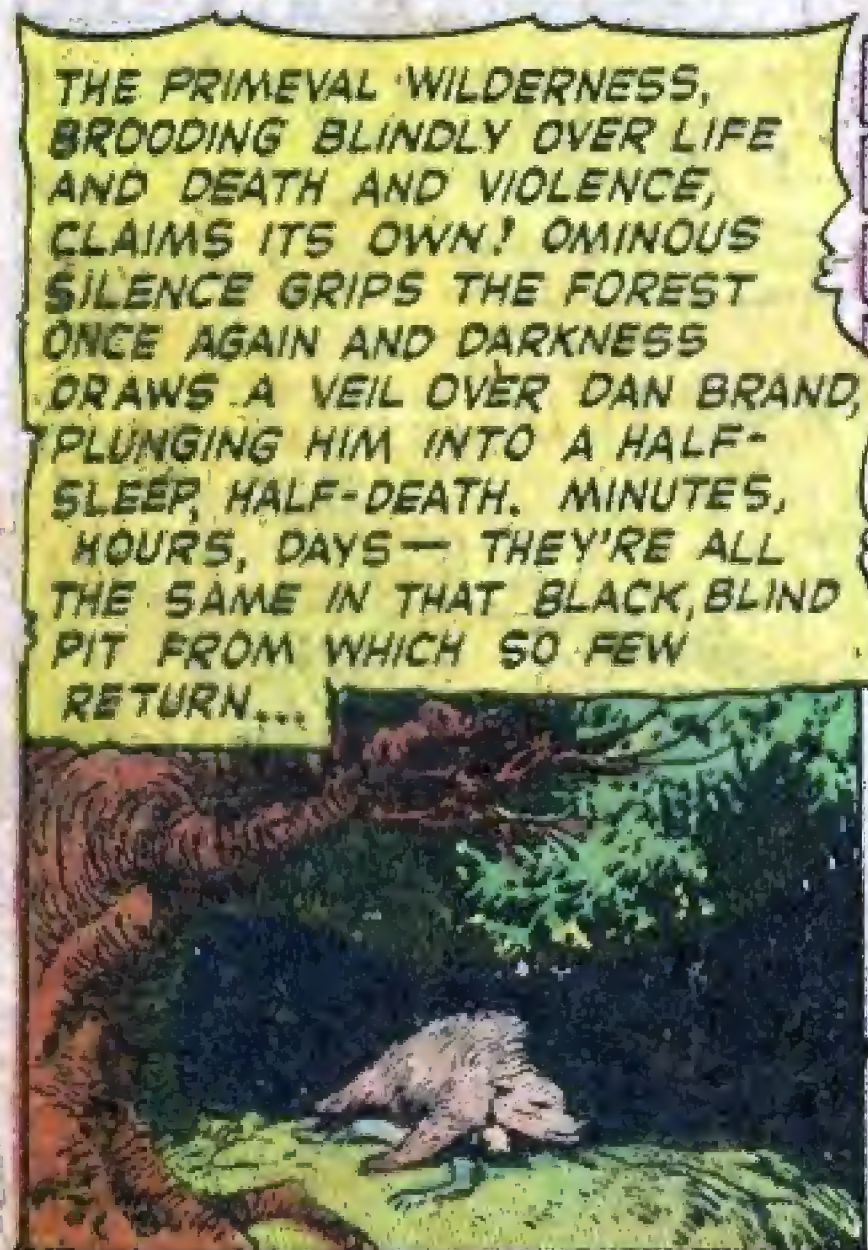
PUT THAT PISTOL AWAY, BRADFORD!



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I HONOR YOUR MISSION OF VENGEANCE, MY SON. BUT HERE IS AN OLD MAN'S ADVICE—STAY WITH US AWHILE AND RECOVER YOUR HEALTH. WE WILL TEACH YOU THE WAYS OF THE FOREST, THE INDIAN LORE...



...AND THEN YOU WILL CONQUER BOTH THE WILDERNESS AND YOUR ENEMY. THE STRONG OF HEART DO NOT THROW THEMSELVES FOOLISHLY INTO DANGER, BUT PREPARE THEMSELVES! LET US TEACH YOU CUNNING AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH!

YOU SPEAK WISE WORDS, GREAT DEER. I WILL STAY! AND I WILL LEARN ALL YOU CAN TEACH, SO THAT I CAN OVERCOME MY ENEMY!



WEEKS PASSED BY...

A FINE SHOT! YOU PICKED UP HIS TRAIL WITH CLEVERNESS AND YOU KEPT HIM BETWEEN THE WIND AND YOU, SO HE WOULD NOT PICK UP YOUR MAN SMELL! YOU ARE A GOOD PUPIL, MY BOY!



YOU'LL STAY WITH US, WON'T YOU, DAN BRAND—AND BE MY BROTHER?



AND THE WEEKS ROLLED INTO MONTHS—RIGOROUS MONTHS THAT TEMPERED DAN'S MUSCLES TO STEEL...

QUICKLY, DAN—NOW—WHILE HE IS TURNING! LESS MUSCLE AND MORE SKILL, MY SON!

AH, THAT'S IT! GOOD!

I GIVE, DAN BRAND—THE MATCH IS YOURS, BY THE SPIRIT OF MY ANCESTORS, YOU ARE GETTING TOO GOOD FOR ME!



A SOLID YEAR PASSED, UNTIL...

MY MISSION IS STILL UNFULFILLED, GREAT DEER—SO NOW I MUST GO. I LOOK ON YOU AS A FATHER, MY NOBLE TEACHER.

GREAT DEER! GREAT DEER!

MY HEART IS PAINED AT YOUR LEAVING—HAH, WHAT IS THIS?



QUICK, DEFEND YOURSELVES! THEY ATTACK! THEY ATTACK! THEY—AHH-H-H-H...

HE'S DEAD! TO THE DEFENSES, EVERYONE!



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IN A FEW MINUTES...!

THESE ARE CHIPPEWA FROM ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN. AN UNKNOWN WHITE MAN SELLS THEM FIRE WATER AND STIRS THEM TO WAR SO HE CAN SELL THEM RIFLES AND POWDER!

THEY COME!



DIE, FOOLISH CHIPPEWA! WE WILL TEACH YOU A LESSON THIS TIME YOU SHALL NEVER FORGET!



AND THEN...

FALL BACK, CHIPPEWA! FALL BACK—THEY'RE TOO STRONG FOR US THIS TIME!

BRADFORD!

CRACK



BUT—THE NEXT MOMENT...

UGH! MY SON, HELP ME—I'M SHOT!

GREAT DEER!

FATHER!



THAT WAS BRADFORD'S RIFLE BALL!

AVENGE ME, MY SON! TAKE—CARE-OF-TIPI—AHHHHH...



NO, DON'T GO! I HAVE NO ONE! STAY AND BE MY BROTHER! DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!

I'M SORRY, TIPI—THIS TIME I MUST GO! NOW I MUST AVENGE TWO DEATHS! GOOD-BYE!



SWIFTLY NOW, A NEW DAN BRAND, WISE TO THE WAYS OF THE FOREST, FOLLOWS THE TRAIL OF THE RETREATING CHIPPEWAS...

THEY RETREATED THIS WAY, RUNNING FAST, GOING BACK THE SAME WAY THEY CAME JUDGING FROM THE PRINTS GOING BOTH WAYS. AH, THERE ARE THE FOOTPRINTS OF BRADFORD'S HORSE!



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